

## Message Text

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ACTION DLOS-09

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-07 OES-07 INR-07 /041 W  
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R 100306Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY MUSCAT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3235  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY MANAMA  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
USINT BAGHDAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L MUSCAT 0750

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS  
SUBJECT: LOS: OMANI POSITION ON TRANSIT OF STRAITS USED FOR  
INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION

REF: (A) STATE A-1596; (B) STATE A-1647 (NOTAL); (C) MUSCAT  
0682 (NOTAL)

1. DCM AND NEA/ARP OFFICER-DESIGNATE DAVID WINN CALLED MAY 7  
ON ZAHER AL KINDI, HEAD OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION ON LAW OF SEA, DCM HANDED KINDI THE  
MARCH 10 STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON ON FINANCING OF  
DEEP SEABED MINING. DCM ALSO MENTIONED WE HAD RECEIVED  
REPORT ON APRIL 6 CALL BY AMBASSADOR MAKKI AND OMANGOV VISITOR  
ROWAS ON RICHARDSON, NOTING PARTICULARLY LATTER'S FIRM  
REITERATION OF USG POSITION ON STRAITS ISSUE. KINDI REPLIED  
THAT OMANGOV HAD RECEIVED ITS OWN REPORT OF THAT CONVERSATION  
FROM AMBASSADOR MAKKI. APPARENTLY MAKKI'S REPORT PULLED NO  
PUNCHES IN DESCRIBING RICHARDSON'S COMMENTS ON STRAITS PASSAGE,  
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FOR ACCORDING TO KINDI IT MADE FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY  
ALAWI "VERY UPSET" WHEN HE READ IT. KINDI IMPLIED OMANGOV  
IS AT A LOSS TO KNOW TO HANDLE THIS TOUGHNESS "FROM A  
FRIEND" LIKE THE US.

2. COMMENT: RICHARDSON'S COMMENTS MAY HAVE DONE SOME MUCH  
NEEDED GOOD. IT IS ONE THING FOR EMBOFFS TO KEEP TELLING

OMANGOV OFFICIALS, AS WE HAVE, THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE  
ON CONTRADICTORY COURSES IN MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS OVER  
THIS ISSUE; IT IS QUITWUANOTHER FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON  
TO TELL THEM POINT-BLANK THAT USG WON'T SIGN A TREATY WHICH  
DOESN'T PROVIDE FOR TRANSIT PASSAGE. AS WE SEE IT, THE  
IMPORTANT THING NOW IS TO FOLLOW UP THIS PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ADVANTAGE WITH SOMETHING OMANIS CAN LATCH ON TO. FROM  
THEIR VIEW, A PROBLEM OF DIMENSIONS NOT BEFORE APPRECIATED  
IS LOOMING WITH THE USG, WHOSE FRIENDSHIP THEY VALUE, AND  
THEY WOULD CERTAINLY PREFER TO RESOLVE IT AMICABLY IF  
POSSIBLE. END COMMENT.  
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